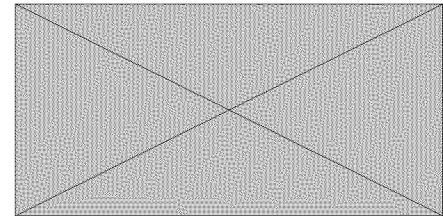


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**Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project**  
Waterways News Blast  
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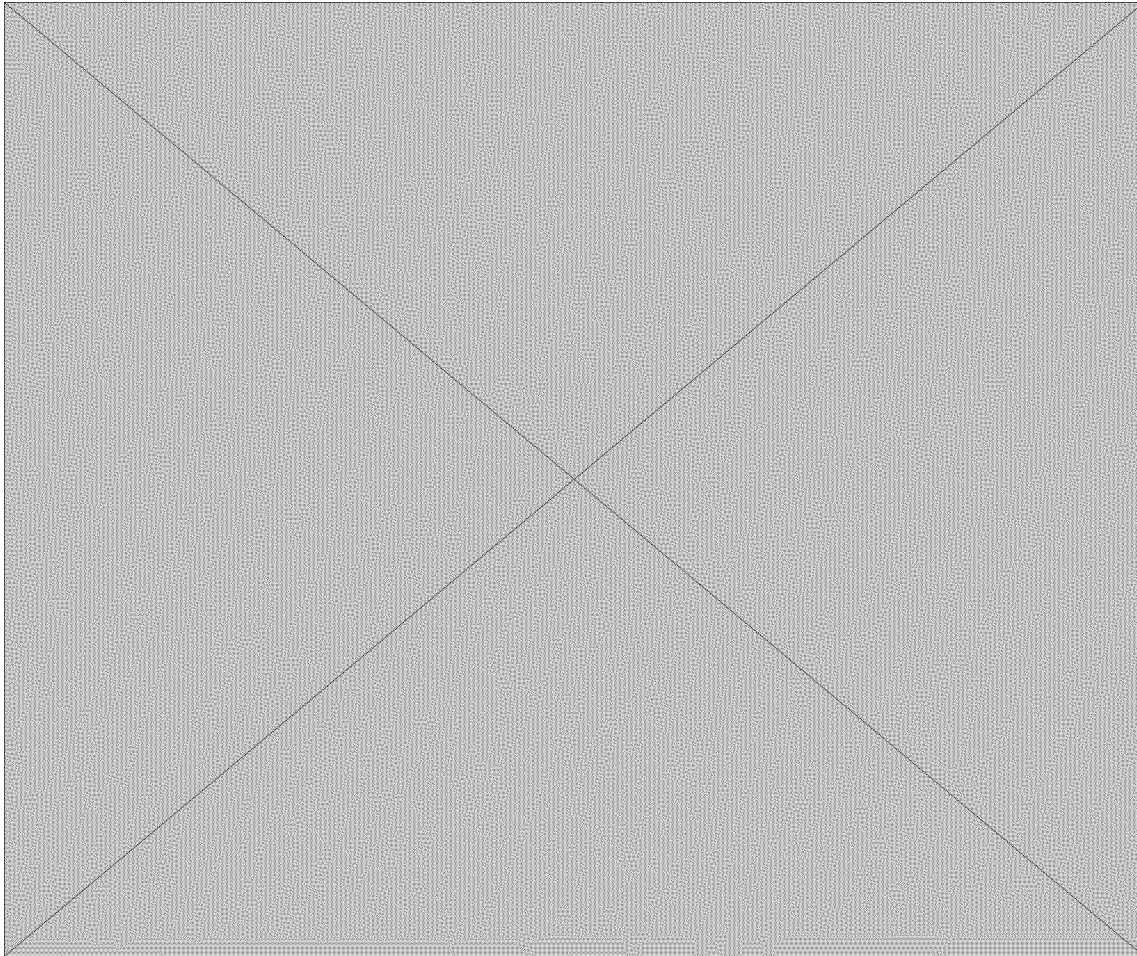
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## ***SERCAP VFC Alternative Break Volunteers Have Dinner with President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter***

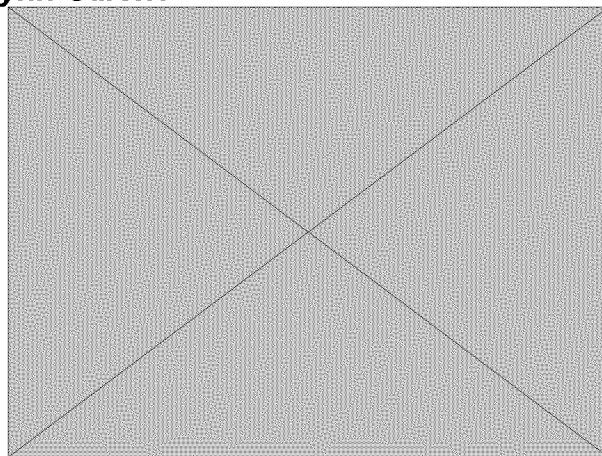
The VFC Alternative Break volunteers from Eastern Kentucky University recently had dinner with President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter! Congratulations volunteers on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

### ***Eastern Kentucky University VFC Volunteers with President Jimmy Carter***

VFC also recently started a partnership with a new host site, Guitars Over Guns, who have been featured on *CNN Heroes* and the *Steve Harvey Show*. Guitars Over Guns envisions utilizing volunteers to work with the youth they mentor in addition to serving various non-profit organizations in the Miami area. [Click here](#) to see the *Steve Harvey Show* segment with Guitars Over Guns.



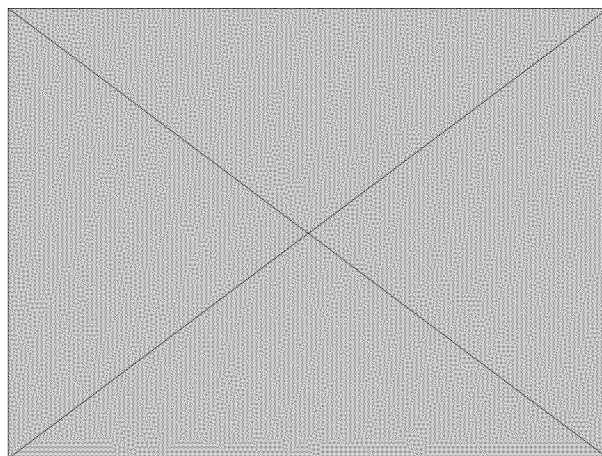
***and First Lady Rosalynn Carter!***



**Guitars Over Guns YouTube Video**

Zaytuna College VFC Alternative Break volunteers recently worked with Blackbelt and Central Alabama Housing! After returning to campus, the volunteers had a panel for the university with a question and answer session. We hope you enjoy their YouTube video below.

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Zaytuna College YouTube Video

## *Workshop Schedule for Water Is Life! Conference on April 19, 2017*

**Workshop 1: Volunteer for Communities.** Ashton Fallen, SERCAP Special Projects Manager, will share best practices for working with student volunteers from personal experience and program supervisor stories. She will also answer your questions and lead a group discussion about successes and challenges faced by workshop participants. Time: 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM. Location: Theatre.

**Workshop 2: Private Well Workshop** with Janice Tatum, SERCAP Technical Assistance Provider in North Carolina. Discover tools and resources available to help raise awareness of private well issues and educate stakeholders and well owners about well care. Learn straightforward steps to assess the geology, well construction, and site conditions at a private well to help understand and potential risks and for better future source water protection. Time: 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM. Location: Theatre. This workshop is free to the public.

**Workshop 3: Pipeline & Water Quality Threats in Virginia,** presented by Diana Christopulos, President of the Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition. Time: 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM. Location: Salon 1.

**Workshop 4: Public & Private Partnerships,** presented by Jean Holloway, SERCAP Maryland and Delaware State Manager. Time: 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM. Location: Salon 2.

**Workshop 5: Capacity Building & Community Engagement,** presented by Mariah Davis, Conservation Organizer with the Virginia Conservation Network. The Virginia Conservation Network is a coalition of 120 conservation organizations across the state working to paint a beautiful environmental picture before Virginia state legislators. This workshop will discuss ways in which VCN drives strategic action and engages elected officials in the importance of protecting our natural resources. Given the new political climate, protecting our environment and our more vulnerable communities has become a top priority. Time: 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM. Location: Salon 3.

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# Florida Raffle Basket to be Given Away at the Water Is Life! Luncheon!

**Workshop 9: Collaboration Between the Community Development and Health Sectors**, presented by Freedom First. This workshop will highlight the West End revitalization and focus on collaborative efforts in private, public, and local government (Roanoke City, FFCU, resident investment, West End Center for Youth, LEAP) to address

**Workshop 10: Education and the Water Sector**, presented by the Florida Department of Education. This workshop will focus on the role of education in the water sector and the importance of water conservation in schools. Time: 9:50 AM - 10:30 AM. Location: Salon 2.

**Workshop 11: Asset Management**, presented by the Florida Department of Transportation. This workshop will focus on the importance of asset management in the transportation sector and the role of the Florida Department of Transportation in promoting asset management. Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM. Location: Salon 2.

**Workshop 12: Funding Strategies for Rural Communities and Homeowners**, presented by Janice Stroud-Bickes, Acting USDA State Director. This workshop will discuss assistance to nonprofit organizations and the importance of funding strategies in rural communities. Time: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Location: Salon 2.

**Workshop 13: Asset Management**, presented by the Florida Department of Transportation. This workshop will focus on the importance of asset management in the transportation sector and the role of the Florida Department of Transportation in promoting asset management. Time: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Location: Salon 2.

**You can win this or any of the seven other beautiful gift baskets at the Water Is Life! Luncheon on April 19, 2017. You do NOT need to be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10. Baskets will be shipped to the winners. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please**

**contact [Waters@Sercap.Tw](mailto:Waters@Sercap.Tw). Thank you for supporting SERCAP!** This presentation will cover cases and consequences of high water consumption in the energy sector, and the energy demand and consequences in the urban water sector. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of futuristic approaches for reducing global footprints of energy and water consumption. Time: 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM. Location: Salon 2.

**48th Annual Water Is Life! Conference & Luncheon Registration is Now Live Online!** Date: April 19, 2017. Conference & Luncheon Registration is Now Live Online! Date: April 19, 2017. Conference & Luncheon Registration is Now Live Online! Date: April 19, 2017.

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through the USDA Community Facilities Program, and to municipalities through the USDA Rural Utilities Program. This workshop will also cover homeownership, home repair, and water/wastewater needs for individual households. Time: 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM. Location. Salon 2.

## **Click Here to Register for the Water Is Life! Conference!**

### *Weekly Update - SERCAP's Regional*

*Luncheon at Noon!*

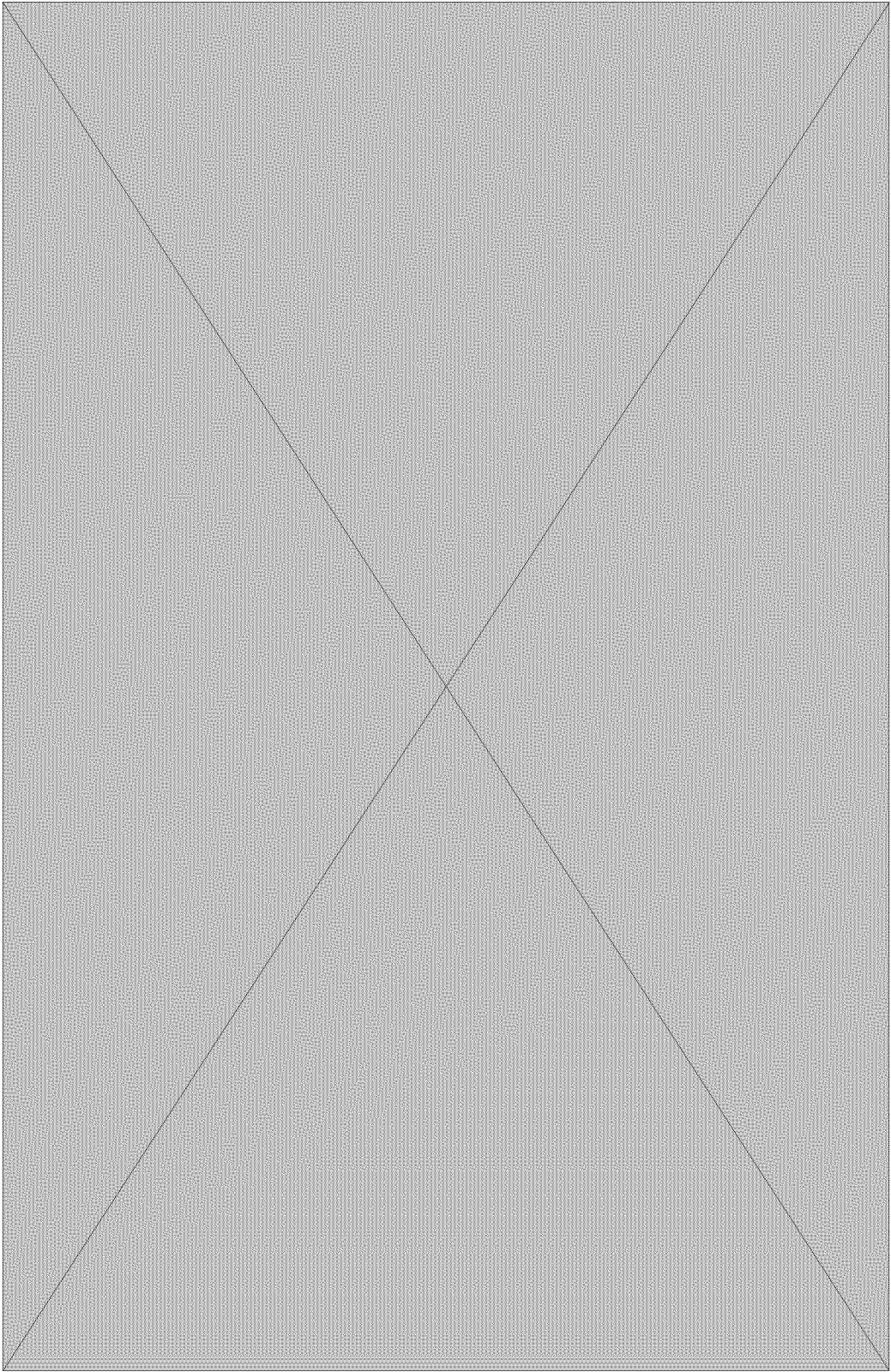
*Department Continues Working with*

*Makemie Park in Accomack County, Virginia*

SERCAP's Regional Department has been working with Makemie Park in Accomack County, Virginia, on and off since 2001 to assist the small community of 30 households to come into compliance with Health Department regulations, and to update and maintain their wastewater system. In 2001, Makemie Park was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to install a Community Sewer System which included: 1) the installation of almost two (2) miles of main-line collection system, 2) the building of an alternative septic system initially consisting of 36 peat filters, and 3) the installation of a 36 filter expansion designed to increase the system's capacity, allowing all the homes to be connected to the community wastewater system.

Since its initial installation, the wastewater system has experienced many challenges and has required a number of upgrades to keep the system functioning. Currently, the system is in need of significant repairs to six (6) of the filters, and all of the individual homes need their septic tanks to be pumped. SERCAP is currently assisting Makemie Park by providing both Technical Assistance and a Facilities Development Grant of \$23,000 to assist with the needed repairs and maintenance, and to return the system to compliance and protect the community's public and environmental health.

Without SERCAP's Training and Technical Assistance, and other similar programs and services, many low-income individuals, families, and communities would be forced to go without such necessities as water, wastewater solutions, safe housing, and community infrastructure needs. It is important to remember that even in the United States in the 21st Century, there are those who do not have reliable access to clean, safe drinking water, environmentally sound septic facilities, and affordable housing. In order to help SERCAP continue to provide assistance to both the individuals and communities in need, please consider making a donation to SERCAP's Water Is Life! Fund by [clicking](#)



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